

### Remarks

The Applicants submit the present amendment in order to comport their claim of priority with the determination made by the Examiner. The Applicants have therefore deleted their claim of priority from the above-identified patent application to comport the application with the determination made by the Examiner that the correct priority date for the claimed invention is June 14, 2001, the date of the filing of the application. This priority determination was placed in bold letters in the Office Action of September 12, 2002 (Paper 10) and the ensuing prosecution and allowance of the above-identified patent application was carried out in view of this determination. In addition, the Applicants submit herewith a signed Substitute Declaration to reflect the amendment to the claimed priority. No amendments have been made to the claims by this submission, and no new matter has been entered.

In view of the above and foregoing, the Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to consider and then enter the amendment into the instant Specification as set out above, prior to the issuance of the above-identified patent application.

No fees are believed to arise due to this filing, however, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0365.

If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this Amendment and/or patent Application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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